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SUMMARY: UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA CONTINUED PLENARY DEBATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 26. CUBA'S VICE PRESIDENT PRESENTED A MAJOR STATEMENT WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUGHT TO CLARIFY CUBA'S POLICY TOWARD AFRICA. ZAMBIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER TREATED THE SUBJECT AS IF SOUTH AFRICA HAD NOT RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL AND IN CONCLUDING HIS STATEMENT WARNED AGAINST THE "REAL" INTENTIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE NORWAY, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, MALAYSIA, SENEGAL, BENIN, HUNGARY, ALBANIA, GREECE AND

BOLIVIA. END SUMMARY.

- 1. THE UNGA'S SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA CONTINUED WITH PLENARY STATEMENTS IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 26. AMB ALGARD OF NORWAY WELCOMED THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE AND TERMED IT A "GOOD BASIS" FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA QUESTION. HE CALLED UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO REAFFIRM THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, WELCOMED SOUTH AFRICA'S FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL BUT THOUGHT THAT THE SAG'S STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE LEFT SOME QUESTIONS UNANSWERED. HE CONCLUDED THAT IF THE SAG DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ITS DECISION, (I.E., ACCEPTANCE) THE UN SHOULD ADOPT MANDATORY CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS
- 2. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE CONTENDED THAT THE WEST, THROUGH ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, "ENCOURAGED THE SAG'S ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA." HE CONTINUED THAT THE UN SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE SAG TO DICTATE THE CONDITIONS OF ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA. SOUTH AFRICA'S ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL, HE ASSERTED, WAS AN AGENT PLANTED TO "ROUND UP, ARREST AND JAIL" SWAPO MEMBERS IN ORDER TO PAVE THE WAY FOR AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. HE CONTINUED THAT "ZAMBIA IS CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" AND CALLED UPON THE UN TO CONDEMN AND REJECT UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTH AFRICAN MOVES TOWARD THIS END. THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE, HE WARNED, BUT STUDIED AND ASSESSED. HE CALLED UPON THE WESTERN FIVE TO MAKE A CLEAR ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. MWALE CONCLUDED BY URGING THE IMMEDIATE IMPOSITION OF CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

- 3. AMB FLORIN OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ASSERTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA PLANNED TO USE THE KALIHARI DESERT FOR NUCLEAR TESTING. HE AFFIRMED SWAPO AS THE SOLE, LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND PROPOSED THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WORK WITH SWAPO TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT. HE SUPPORTED THE LUSAKA DECLARATION AND CALLED FOR COMPREHENSIVE CHAPTER V11 SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.
- 4. JUAN A. BOSQUE, CUBA'S VICE PRESIDENT, IN A MAJOR STATEMENT WHICH EARNED HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, SAID THAT CUBA ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY TO THE LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TO THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM AND RACISM IN THAT REGION. CUBAN FOREIGN

POLICY, HE CONTINUED, IS TO COOPERATE WITH ALL COUNTRIES THAT ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN ATTAINING THESE OBJECTIVES. HE ASSERTED THAT IT IS THE US AND THE UK THAT MAINLY BENEFIT FROM PROFITS OBTAINED BY MONOPOLIES IN NAMIBIA. WESTERN POWERS HAVE MANIFESTED A HYPOCRITICAL, IMPERIALIST POLICY, HE CONTINUED, AND THEY "HAVE SIMULATED A PRETENDED PREOCCUPATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS" WHILE PEOPLE IN NAMIBIA ARE DENIED THEIR MOST ELEMENTARY INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS. SOUTH AFRICA HAS NO RIGHT TO REMAIN IN NAMIBIA, HE STATED, AND NO MEMBER OF THE UN (REFERRING TO WESTERN FIVE) HAS THE RIGHT "TO CAPRICIOUSLY MODIFY THE DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIA." HE COMPARED WALVIS BAY WITH GUANTANAMO BAY AND SAID THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE UN MUST REAFFIRM ITS POSITION ON WALVIS BAY.
REFERRING TO SAG'S ASSERTION THAT ITS TROOPS IN NAMIBIA

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ARE THERE TO DEFEND AGAINST A CUBAN INVASION FROM ANGOLA, HE SAID, "THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN CUBA AND ANGOLA...IS A MATTER WHICH EXCLUSIVELY CONCERNS THE SOVEREIGN, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES OF CUBA AND ANGOLA." IN THIS MATTER, "WE OWE NO EXPLANATIONS" AND "WE DO NOT HAVE TO NEGOTIATE" WITH ANYONE, HE CONCLUDED.

5. AMB IBRAHIM OF MALAYSIA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED WALVIS BAY AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA. HE SUPPORTED THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE AND COMMENDED SWAPO FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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NEGOTIATING WITH THE FIVE ON THE PROPOSAL. IN CONCLUSION, HE CALLED FOR CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

- 6. AMB FALL OF SENEGAL INDIRECTLY WELCOMED THE WESTERN INITIATIVE AND CALLED UPON ALL STATES TO DISSUADE SOUTH AFRICA FROM ITS ATTEMPTS TO DETACH WALVIS BAY FROM NAMIBIA. HE DENOUNCED THE NEW SECURITY PROCLAMATION IMPLEMENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL AND CONCLUDED BY AFFIRMING THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IS THE LEGAL ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY FOR NAMIBIA.
- 7. BENIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER, ALLADAYE, DEMANDED THAT THE WEST REAFFIRM NAMIBIA'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. HE REITERATED THAT SWAPO IS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND DECLARED THAT BENIN IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT ANY SETTLEMENT APPROVED BY SWAPO.
- 8. AMB HOLLAI OF HUNGARY SEVERELY CRITICIZED THE WEST FOR ALLEGEDLY COLLABORATING WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN DEFIANCE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEMANDS. HE CALLED FOR THE UNGA TO REAFFIRM THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF NAMIBIA. HE STATED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL LEAVES SOME DOUBTS AS TO THE INTENT OF THAT GOVERNMENT.
- 9. AMB BALETA OF ALBANIA, WITH MUCH ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC RHETORIC AND ATTACKS ON BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE US, CONTRIBUTED LITTLE OF INTEREST TO THE DEBATE.
- 10. AMB PAPOULIAS OF GREECE MADE A BRIEF, NON-COMMITTAL STATEMENT THAT DEPLORED SOUTH AFRICA'S DEFIANCE OF UN

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11. AMB ANAYA OF BOLIVIA, CONCLUDING THE DAY'S DEBATE, SUPPORTED THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE BUT NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA HAD BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE PROPOSAL, AN OVERSIGHT HE WAS SURE WOULD BE CORRECTED. YOUNG

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